

MUCH IS GATHERED

SCHOOL CHILDREN CONTRIBUTE THEIR ANNUAL OFFERING.

Table Delicacies and Substantials Are Given by the Scholars of the Different Schools, Both Public and Private, for the Alleviation of Some Who Need It Badly, and for the Charitable Institutions of the City—Amount Contributed Shows Clearly the Generous Spirit Which Prevails.

The school children are asked every Thanksgiving day to make a contribution for the benefit of several of the charitable institutions of the city, and they respond promptly with that generous open-handedness which is the birthright of western people. The spirit of generosity is more prevalent in west than anywhere else on earth. The spirit existed among the ranchers and still exists although in a slightly modified degree. The children display it in many ways, and the amount of stuff gathered was surprising. Potatoes, apples, oranges, canned fruit, jam, jelly, bread, butter, flour and many other things not thought of before. The amount was not the only thing. There was nothing contributed which was below first-class in every respect.

The many contributions were piled up in the different rooms and the children took especial delight in looking at the pile they had helped to collect. Some small amount of money was included in some of the contributions, but it was the different buildings, but it was the generous rivalry which prevailed. They had all contributed toward the same end, and there was no Ananias and Sapphira about it. Every one who gave did it with the full knowledge that they were assisting to make some heart glad, to supply the needy with some of the necessities of life.

This contribution is made every year, and each time the day rolls around the little folk are ready for it. The increase in the general prosperity shows itself here, and it is earnestly hoped that this will continue to do so, without cessation for all time to come. But hard times will come to many of our people at some time or other, and when the sunshine of prosperity drives away the gloom it seems very much brighter than it has appeared before.

The contributions will be gathered from the different buildings this morning and taken to the different places which the children themselves have designated. The Children's Home and City Hospital will, of course, receive the most of it; but in a few cases the children have requested a few of their gifts to be specially delivered to poor families and other places where assistance is needed. In these cases the desire of the little folk will be carried out to the letter.

WHERE SERVICES WILL BE HELD. Thanksgiving services will be held in several places this morning. At every congregation attending their own church have united, so to speak, and different places have been selected to hold service, and speakers to fill the different pulpits. Following is a list of the places selected:

All the central churches will meet at the First Presbyterian church at 10:30 a. m. Rev. W. W. Pruen, pastor of the Dodge Avenue M. E. church, preaching the sermon.

The Fairmount Congregational church, the Endeavor Presbyterian church, the Emporia Avenue Baptist church and the St. Paul M. E. church will unite at the latter place of worship, corner Lawrence avenue and Thirteenth street. Rev. W. A. Bosworth of the Fairmount Congregational church will preach the sermon.

The Oak Street Presbyterian church hold services both morning and evening. The United Presbyterian church, corner of Ohio and First streets, will hold services at 4 p. m. Sermon by the pastor and a social meeting at the close.

At all these services offerings of food, clothing and money will be received for the poor.

A glorious rain has been falling during yesterday, and at an early hour this morning was still falling, but this will not prevent any of these meetings from being fully attended, the only fear being that there will not be enough room for all. However, extra measures have been taken, and not one need stay at home for fear of not finding a seat.

At several places also dinner will be served to the newsboys and bootblacks and other poor people. The Salvation army has been making preparations for sometime past and they will care for them all.

Feeding the poor and hungry is one of the most telling work of this organization, and with them fine clothes is no "noblesse oblige" but the most practical and ragged person receives if anything the warmest welcome. Mr. Goldstein of the Famous Clothing house has promised to also serve a fine turkey dinner to the others of the newsboys and bootblacks, and they will be well taken care of as regards their appetites also. The day will not be soon forgotten by a great many and especially the poor folks who have been thus remembered.

Every year, as this latter part of the eleventh month rolls around, a great many things are said of the day which is observed in the wane of the month when the leaves and the most of the year of the dead summer are gone, and usually everything is covered with snow. To older ones who have the time to reflect in this busy world comes the thought of that first Thanksgiving inaugurated so long ago in the Puritan colonies by Governor Bradford. Those times cannot now be realized nor by few who are surrounded by the embellishments of civilization. The great unknown country, stretched away to the west without any of the comforts extended, which now are so well-known to everyone who has a father or grandfather just over there in the country.

The turkey which is the omnipresent accompaniment to every Thanksgiving has come to be more the thing looked toward with the day as the accompaniment than heretofore. Venison for a thanks-

ACTS THE SERPENT

COWARDLY ATTACK UPON JOHNSON BY HIS PARTNER.

He Removers From the First Effects of the Terrible Blow He Received and Tells What He Can Remember—Attack Was Made While He Was Asleep—He Had Been Asleeping His Assistant All He Could for Several Days, and in Turn He Tried to Kill His Benefactor—A Good Description of the Villain Is Secured.

Johnson, the man who was so severely beaten in the Santa Fe yards Tuesday afternoon, recovered sufficiently yesterday to tell more about himself. It is now beyond doubt, as hinted in the Eagle yesterday, that the partner of Johnson is the one who made the cowardly attack upon his life. Johnson stated that he had been with the fellow for several days, and had picked him up at Purcell, I. T. He had been buying all the articles of food for both ever since he first happened across him, and in short had been as much of a benefactor toward him as his means would allow.

Tuesday afternoon they struck this city, and went down town together. Johnson purchased several apples, and onions and divided them with his companion. He also purchased a supply of alcohol, and together they returned to the Santa Fe yards. They went down into the yards among the cars, and found one empty, into which they climbed, and sitting down ate the fruit which Johnson had bought, and then they drank the alcohol. It is not known how much of the latter was disposed of, but evidently they did not like to take any chances as to the quality of the beverage and hence drank the pure article.

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SONS OF HERMAN WILL MEET WITH SONG AND PLEASURE FROM NOW ON. The Sons of Herman of Wichita have organized a German singing society to be known as the "Mannchor" of the Sons of Herman. Membership will be restricted to members of the order and an effort will be made to make this a crack organization. An efficient director has been secured and with the excellent material they have, their hopes will probably be realized.

Every city of any size in the United States where there is a respectable number of Germans there is a "Mannchor." This is the pride of every German citizen. Germans are a race of musicians and especially singers, and it has long been an ambition of the teutonic sons of this city to be able to boast of an organization of this kind.

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Another Miserable Day Interfered With the Catholic Fair. Yesterday was non-Catholic weather again. The rain or drizzle all day prevented the ladies from attending. The dinner and supper, however, were well attended by the business men of the city and in this way several good pieces of sound money were taken in. Every one praised the dinner. Joe Allen, who is a connoisseur, said it was the best church dinner he had eaten in Wichita since before the grasshoppers came, and Major Ewing pronounced it the greatest triumph of the culinary art he has ever seen outside of his own home. Today a grand Thanksgiving dinner will be served consisting of all the delicacies usually spread before a happy people on this day. Turkey, of course, will be the center dish, but side dishes with rarities will be spread without number. It is intended to make it one of the finest public dinners ever served in the city.

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SONS OF HERMAN WILL MEET WITH SONG AND PLEASURE FROM NOW ON. The Sons of Herman of Wichita have organized a German singing society to be known as the "Mannchor" of the Sons of Herman. Membership will be restricted to members of the order and an effort will be made to make this a crack organization. An efficient director has been secured and with the excellent material they have, their hopes will probably be realized.

Every city of any size in the United States where there is a respectable number of Germans there is a "Mannchor." This is the pride of every German citizen. Germans are a race of musicians and especially singers, and it has long been an ambition of the teutonic sons of this city to be able to boast of an organization of this kind.

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Another Miserable Day Interfered With the Catholic Fair. Yesterday was non-Catholic weather again. The rain or drizzle all day prevented the ladies from attending. The dinner and supper, however, were well attended by the business men of the city and in this way several good pieces of sound money were taken in. Every one praised the dinner. Joe Allen, who is a connoisseur, said it was the best church dinner he had eaten in Wichita since before the grasshoppers came, and Major Ewing pronounced it the greatest triumph of the culinary art he has ever seen outside of his own home. Today a grand Thanksgiving dinner will be served consisting of all the delicacies usually spread before a happy people on this day. Turkey, of course, will be the center dish, but side dishes with rarities will be spread without number. It is intended to make it one of the finest public dinners ever served in the city.

Prof. Clarence Eddy, the organist of world-wide fame, will give an organ recital at the First M. E. church on Saturday evening, December 5th.

WICHITA NOT IN IT

IT WILL NOT GET A RAILROAD COMMISSIONER THIS YEAR.

That's the Latest News From the Capital—The Assured Appointment of Leaders of Medicine Lodge to be Warden of the Penitentiary Will Knock Out the Wichita Aspirants—But the Feudless Princess Will be Given a Smaller Piece of Pie if It Wants It—Lewelling Said to Be Informed of This.

A telegram from Topeka last night says: "Wichita will not get a railroad commissioner under the incoming Populist administration. That is practically settled. It is given out on good authority that Governor-elect Leedy or some other in authority has said this and that ex-Governor Lewelling knows it. The warden of the penitentiary goes to Medicine Lodge and the administration will not place two big offices so close together. The eastern part of the state is kicking against it and one of the most vigorous protesters is Senator Householder of Cherokee. Both Ayres and Groch, rival candidates from Wichita, were here this week and went home with absolutely no hopes of an appointment. An office of less importance will be tendered to Wichita whenever one man can be agreed upon. It is not unlikely that the office of superintendent of insurance will go there. There are two men practically chosen for railroad commissioner and they are Webb, McNall, Gaylord and J. M. Allen of Neodesha county. It is also thought probable that Joe Lowe will be the third man."